Appendix A: Appropriate & Inappropriate Behavior Examples

Appropriate Physical Interactions	Inappropriate Physical Interactions
Side hugs	Full frontal hugs
Pats on shoulder or back	Kisses
Handshakes	Lap sitting for children over 5
High-fives and hand slapping	Wrestling
Arms around shoulders	Tickling
Holding hands (with young children in escorting situation)	Any form of affection that is unwanted by the child or youth

Appropriate Verbal Interactions	Inappropriate Verbal Interactions
Positive reinforcement	Name-calling
Appropriate jokes	Off-color or sexual jokes
Encouragement	Cursing
Praise	Secrets
Strength-based conversations	Shaming, belittling